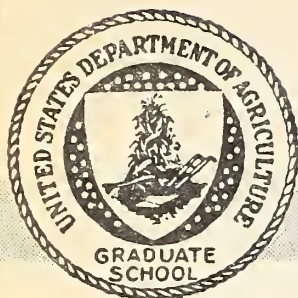


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TO COMMITTEE AND FACULTY MEMBERS

The 28th year of the Graduate School opens this fall. Through the years the School has had as one of its chief objectives the providing of opportunities for Federal employees to advance professionally and to improve their service to the public. The hundreds of persons who have served as instructors or as members of Departmental and other committees have had the responsibility for working towards this objective. A splendid job has been done.

The future should see an even more effective program, in large part due to the cumulative experience of an expanding number of instructors, committee members and students who participate in shaping future plans.

On behalf of our General Administration Board, Departmental Committees and officers, I welcome those who will serve for the first time in the Graduate School.

Sincerely,

Lewis H. Rohrbaugh,
Director

SECOND ANNUAL BROOKINGS SEMINAR ON U. S. FOREIGN POLICY

The second annual seminar on Problems on U. S. Foreign Policy, sponsored by Brookings Institution and including some 100 persons invited from universities, the Federal service and private industry, and other organizations, was held at Stanford University June 20 through July 3, 1948. GS affiliated personnel participating included Messrs. Harold Lasswell, Nelson Johnson, G. L. Ridgeway, L. H. Rohrbaugh, Harold B. Powe and Francis O. Wilcox.

GS LONG-RANGE PLANNING GETS UNDERWAY

GS future structure and programs are under study by a Committee on Long-Range Plans appointed in June by Director Rohrbaugh. The members are: P. V. Cardon (ABA); I. W. Duggan (FCA); S. E. Johnson, Chairman (BAE); W. I. Myers (Cornell); and J. D. Russell (U. S. Office of Education.)

Founding the GS in the troubled years after World War I was a decisive step for USDA. Since 1921, many changes have come in USDA programs and in educational needs; GS activities have widened correspondingly. A flexible, educational "catalytic agent" and instrument, GS has become both a formal educational institution (with emphasis in Washington) and an educational service agency.

World War II, the years since and to come, place USDA and Agriculture as a whole in increasingly significant roles. The GS Board feels that if GS is to be most helpful to USDA and to prosecution of long-range agricultural plans, its responsibilities should be re-examined and long-range plans set up.

The Committee, which hopes to report to the GS Board in late 1948, has asked USDA agencies to study their needs and present GS services, and to submit recommendations. GS committees are at work preparing suggestions; resident faculty recommendations have been requested. RECOMMENDATIONS BY NEWSLETTER READERS NOT IN ABOVE GROUPS ARE EARNESTLY SOLICITED. Send them to Dr. Sherman E. Johnson, Bureau of Agricultural Economics, USDA, Room 3043, South Agriculture Building.

1948-49 LECTURE PROGRAMS

Lecture series planned for the 1948-49 resident program in Washington are so numerous and varied as to prevent mention of more than a few. Most have such important topics and outstanding speakers that their publication is likely.

Lectures on **RESOURCE UTILIZATION AND CONSERVATION**, to be given Monday afternoons in Jefferson Auditorium, will deal with major conditions, problems and policies in the resource field. Nationally known authorities have accepted invitations extended by Secretary Brannan. The series is under the direction of a GS Committee on Resource Utilization and Conservation comprised of Messrs. Josephson, Chairman (FS); C. P. Barnes (PISAE); E. G. Holt (SCS); V. W. Johnson (BAE); E. H. Wiecking (Sec.).

Three unusual series are planned by the GS Committee on International Policies and Problems. The fall brings a series on **THE FOREIGN POLICIES-PAST AND PRESENT-OF THE GREAT POWERS**, chaired by H. Duncan Hall (Br. Embassy) and will be followed by a spring series on **ECONOMIC RECOVERY AND WORLD POLITICS**, chaired by Walter M. Kotschnig (State). Also for the fall is scheduled a series on **LATIN AMERICA**, presented cooperatively by the Pan American Union and GS, and chaired by the Union's Secretary-General Lleras and William Sanders (State).

USDA: LAND-GRANT INTERNSHIP COOPERATION GAINS MOMENTUM

Approval by the Civil Service Commission of USDA's request for special appointment authority (up to a year excepted appointments at appropriate grade and salary) is an important recent development in the USDA: Land-Grant Institutions Cooperative Internship Program (May '48 Newsletter). It permits simplified flexible procedure; cuts the time element.

In June the USDA Committee under R. Y. Winters (ARA), appointed by the Secretary to develop the program, sent USDA agency heads data reviewing the program's history, present status and anticipated operation. Simultaneously GS sent similar data to Land-Grant graduate deans. Reception by both groups was enthusiastic.

Director of Personnel Reid has issued a memorandum (No. 147-August 3, 1948) to agency heads describing employment procedures to be used. A summary of 1949 opportunities by agencies will go to Land-Grant Schools in September. The major part of the program begins July, 1949, but some agencies-anxious to begin sooner-may get underway this fall.

GS COOPERATION WITH THE PAN AMERICAN UNION

The Graduate School is cooperating with the Pan American Union in a program designed to provide broader education opportunities for both the staff of the Pan American Union and members of Latin American Embassies resident in Washington. The cooperation followed signature of a memorandum of understanding by the GS Director and Dr. Alberto Lleras, Secretary-General of the Organization of American States.

The program has been developed by Dr. Jorge Basadre, Director of Cultural Affairs, and the GS Department of Languages and Literature, chaired by Lester A. Schlup (Ext.).

The following courses will be offered during 1948-49: Inter-American Problems; English for Foreign Students; Correction of Speech Dialect; Elementary French, Portuguese and Spanish; and Shorthand in Spanish. Classes will be held after working hours at the Pan American Union. Except for a nominal registration fee, payable by each student, the cooperative project will be financed by the Union.

RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN STATISTICAL CONCEPTS

Morris B. Ullman, Office of the Director, Census Bureau, will chair, this fall, a series of lectures on recent developments in statistical operations including the following topics and lecturers: National Income, Milton Gilbert; Consumer Statistics, Abner Hurwitz; Housing and Construction, Samuel Dennis; Measurement of Labor Force, Charles Sarle; Foreign Trade and Shipping, J. Edward Ely; Transportation Statistics, Frank Barton; 1947 Census of Manufactures, Maxwell Conklin; Plans for Decennial Census, A. Poss Eckler; Government Statistics Program, Donald Riley.

Beginning on Tuesday, October 5, the series will continue for ten weeks and will meet from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m. The fee for the series will be \$5.00.

GS COUNCIL

The 1948 round-up meeting of the GS Council was held in June. Among items discussed were: long-range planning; student opinion polls '47-'48; GS service activities; relations with Washington area institutions; and '47-'48 activities of departments (each Council member chairs a GS resident department).

On September 24, the Council will have a luncheon meeting with the Committee on Long-Range Plans to discuss recommendations submitted by GS Departmental Committees.

ADVANCED STUDY FOR COOPERATIVE EXTENSION PERSONNEL

A program of advanced study for Cooperative Extension personnel gets underway this fall as a result of growing interest among Extension personnel for opportunities to do graduate work combined with a stay in Washington. The combination offers opportunities not available elsewhere. When desired, the program may lead, through cooperative arrangements, to an advanced degree at other institutions.

A GS Committee on Cooperative Extension Education has developed and will supervise the program. Members are: C. C. Hearne (Ext.), Chairman; A. L. Deering (Ext. Director, U. of Maine); D. Ensminger, G. G. Gallup and M. C. Wilson (all Ext.).

A special bulletin describing the program will be available soon; for it write Cannon C. Hearne, Extension Service. First agent to come in under the new program will be W. Oscar Sellers, Jefferson County (NY) Agent. His sabbatical leave will be spent in study at GS and in work with Extension Service. Last year, Delaware County (NY) Agent C. S. Denton spent his sabbatical leave in Extension Service and did work at GS and Maryland.

The Land-Grant Association's Executive Committee has recommended that at least one Land-Grant Institution in each of four regions provide graduate opportunities for Extension personnel. Programs leading to advanced degrees are available at Cornell, Missouri, Colorado A&M and Mississippi; also at three non-land-grant schools: Columbia, Harvard, Chicago.

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY AND GS JOIN HANDS IN FEDERAL NURSING EDUCATION

To give wider educational opportunities for nursing personnel in Federal agencies, Catholic University of America and GS offer cooperatively this fall two courses in nursing education. Special counseling and instruction will be offered by CU's School of Nursing Education.

Designed to help meet recent education needs highlighted by operation under Public Law 558, regarding Federal employee health service, the cooperative program was developed by GS's Committee on Health and Medical Services under R. C. Smith (BAE), and including E. Anderson (Ext.); N. H. Cruickshank (AFofL); F. Goldman (Harvard); M. C. Klem (FSA); T. W. Longmore (BAE); M. I. Roemer and M. E. Wallace (USPHS); and M. V. Ziegler (FHA). Miss Wallace, Chief of Nursing Operations, USPHS, is in charge of this phase of the Committee's program.

GS INSTRUCTORS NOTE!!!

The Graduate School reserve books will no longer be placed on open shelves in the USDA Library. Instead, special space has been allotted in the stacks for all GS reserve books.

A new system will be initiated this fall whereby the students will:

1. make their selection from two card catalogs—one set up numerically by course number; the other alphabetically by author,
2. fill in the required information on the charge-out card, and
3. present the card at the window to the charge-out clerk who, in turn, will charge the book.

It is the hope of the Graduate School and the Library that this system will be more efficient than the one used in the past and that the instructors will notify Miss Jensen, Ext. 4419, of any problems raised by the students.

GS PRESS

A number of GS publications should be available this year. PROGRESS IN THE FIELD OF ANTIBIOTICS, edited by H. T. Herrick and G. W. Irving, Jr. (AIC) and MODERN ENGINEERING MATERIALS, edited by Willis S. MacLeod (Bureau of Federal Supply) are now at press. LECTURES ON MATHEMATICAL STATISTICS by Jerzy Neyman, which was published by GS sometime ago and sold out in the first year, is being revised by Dr. Neyman, now at the University of California, and will be out this year. WHAT WE LEARNED IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DURING THE WAR, edited by John Thurston (Sec.) is also to be issued this year.

GS publications will be increased as a result of the Secretarial Regulations issued in July by the Secretary of Agriculture. The regulation will also help to make available to the public much valuable information connected with Agriculture which could not otherwise be printed. The regulation (Title 3, Amend. No. 2, Sec. 1, Par 34) includes the statement that "the Department at times is unable to publish significant manuscripts prepared by its employees because of Department publications policies or limited funds. In order that the results of the research of the Department may be made known and available to the public, arrangements have been made whereby certain manuscripts which the Department cannot print may be published by the Graduate School."

PERSONALS

Dr. Susan E. Harman, instructor in Languages and Literature, is now working on the second revision of *DESCRIPTIVE ENGLISH GRAMMAR* by House and Harman. Dr. Harman is professor of English at the University of Maryland.

Arsham Amirikian, former GS instructor in Analysis of Rigid Frames(Technology) was one of the winners in the National Design-for-Progress program. His entry discussed the design of a frame utilizing split structural shapes called by the author "articulated wedge beams."

Miss Ruth Nordin, GS student in General Semantics, has been awarded a scholarship to the summer Workshop held at the Institute of General Semantics at Lakeville, Connecticut.

Virgil L. Couch, GS instructor and Chairman of the Departmental Committee of Office Techniques and Operations, has left USDA to become Director of Personnel at the Economic Cooperation Administration.

Dr. F. C. Bishopp (E&PQ), Department of Biological Sciences, was recently awarded His British Majesty's Medal for Service in the Cause of Freedom in recognition of his valuable services to the Allied war effort in various fields of scientific research and development.

Dr. W. V. Lambert, Agricultural Research Administrator and GS Board member, this month left USDA for the University of Nebraska where he will be Dean of Agriculture and Experiment Station Director. He was succeeded as APA Administrator by P. V. Cardon.

Ralph R. Shaw(Lib.), Languages and Literature Vice Chairman, served as chairman of the U. S. Government's London Scientific Mission to the recent Royal Society Scientific Information Conference. *SCIENCE* (Aug. 13, 1948) contains a summary by Mr. Shaw of the Conference's highlights.

Dr. A. E. Brandt, Department of Mathematics and Statistics, has accepted appointment with the Atomic Energy Commission in New York City. He will report there September 7.

William G. Finn(PMA), Chairman, Public Administration Department, left for Paris, August 18, where he will be on loan to ECA. He will return about mid-September.

Dr. W. Edwards Deming(Mathematics and Statistics) has been appointed to the Board of Directors of the Institute of Statistics, University of North Carolina. At present, Dr. Deming is on a visit to several European countries.

TRAINING COURSE IN MARKETING

The special six hour training course in marketing(See NEWSLETTER of May, 1948) designed to increase the number of qualified personnel in marketing research and other marketing work and to increase employee performance standards of some of those already in such activities ended the middle of June with a ceremony including an address by the Secretary of Agriculture Brannan.

Some 175 USDA employees were certified by their respective agencies to take the course. They varied widely in training and performance standards. Dr. Irwin R. Hedges, FCA, supervised the organization and presentation of the course which was given under the sponsorship of the Administrator of the Research and Marketing Act and the Director of the Office of Personnel.

Designed, in part, as an experiment to determine what can be accomplished by an in-service program of this type, the course was, according to the consensus of the participants who were evaluating it, very worthwhile. In addition to its assistance to participants, the course yielded information which will be of much value in planning future in-service training programs.

EVALUATING CORRESPONDENCE STUDY PROGRAM

Representatives from USDA agencies having field programs met on June 9 to assist GS in determining how its correspondence study program can best serve the Department and its many field employees. Discussion centered around a review of the present GS correspondence study program; increasing requests from individuals and agencies for expanded service; recommendations of the USDA Personnel Officers' Conference in December, 1947; essential requisites of an effective correspondence study course; and the relations of correspondence study to in-service training programs.

E. J. Peterson(SCS), Carroll Cornelius (FHA), and Hans Hoiberg(PEA) are members of the committee assigned the responsibility of developing specific recommendations for consideration by the agencies represented.

The Newsletter is issued at intervals for information of faculty, committees and others interested. Address all inquiries to Vera Jensen, Room 1031 (Ext. 4419).